

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA**

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,  
THE HONORABLE VEGINA T. HAWKINS,  
JQC NO. 2019-351.

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SC2019-1193

**JUDGE VEGINA T. HAWKINS' ANSWER TO JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS  
COMMISSION'S NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES**

COMES NOW, Judge Vegina T. Hawkins, Respondent herein, by and through her undersigned counsel, and respectfully Answers the Notice of Formal Charges as follows:

1. Admitted as to date in Sentence 1 of Paragraph 1; denied as to Sentence 2 and 3 of Paragraph 1; admitted as to Sentence 4;
2. Denied;
3. Denied that any action of Judge Hawkins' "demonstrates a present unfitness to serve."

**FJQR RULE 11 REQUEST**

Respondent Judge, pursuant to FJQR Rule 11, requested that any hearing on the Notice of Formal Charges be conducted in Broward County, Florida inasmuch as the overwhelming majority of witnesses who will be called to testify on her behalf, including multiple subpoenaed Judges at the County and Circuit Court levels, are resident in Broward County, and the costs and inconvenience to both the witnesses, and the Court system as a whole, in absenting them from this jurisdiction for any period of time, would be substantial.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that these documents have been filed on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2019, by filing electronically on the Florida E-filing Portal, and that copies of the same have been e-mailed accordingly to all parties and/or interested persons.

Respectfully submitted,

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